



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
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Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, June 05, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2012-0136	Proclamation Honoring Groton's Centenarians	Proclamation - TC
2012-0152	Proclamation Recognizing Four Paws Veterinary Services	Proclamation - TC
2012-0159	Proclamation Recognizing Randall D. Fitzmorris	Proclamation - TC

Recess for Public Hearing on:

2012-0128	Small Cities Community Block Grant - 2012 Application	Referral
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IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0165	Approval of Minutes (Town Council)	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of April 23, 2012 and May 15, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2012-0142	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Miscellaneous - \$176.25 - Jabez Smith House

Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School PTO - \$467.58 - Social Services Discretionary

Charles Rogers - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Charter Oak Federal Credit Union - \$400.00 - Library Miscellaneous

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2012-0048	Purchase of Spicer Properties, Thomas Road	Referral
2012-0130	Noank Fire District Presentation on Noank School Reuse	Referral
2012-0141	Port Security Grant	Referral
2012-0147	FYE 2012 Suspense List	Referral
2012-0149	Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 13)	Referral
2012-0150	Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 13)	Referral
2012-0151	Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 13)	Referral
2012-0153	CRIBZ Presentation on Attracting New Businesses	Referral
2012-0156	Establishment of Trails Coordinating Committee	Referral
2012-0160	Introduction of Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts	Referral
2012-0161	Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts	Referral
2012-0162	Authorization to Prepare a Bond Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Referral
2012-0163	Authorization to Prepare a Bond Ordinance for Police Station Renovations	Referral
2012-0164	Funding for OpSail 2012 Event	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas**i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****X. NEW BUSINESS****2012-0048 Purchase of Spicer Properties, Thomas Road****Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE SPICER PROPERTIES, THOMAS ROAD

WHEREAS, three Spicer properties on Thomas Road were identified as desirable for conservation in the 2002 Plan of Conservation and Development, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition and use of the tracts for conservation and passive recreational purposes has been endorsed by the Town's Conservation Commission and the Town's Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition and use of the Spicer properties would also be consistent with both the State and Regional Plans of Conservation and Development, the 2008 City of Groton Plan of Conservation and Development, the State Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Green Plan, and other related State, regional and local plans and initiatives, including but not necessarily limited to the State DEP's Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative, the State DEP's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Southeastern Connecticut region's 2005 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the State DEP Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town has obtained grant funding and accrued funds for the purpose of land conservation through a fee in lieu of open space provision in its subdivision regulations, as well as through its capital improvement program, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has previously authorized the preparation and signing of a purchase sales agreement to purchase the Spicer properties for \$960,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager is hereby authorized to acquire, for the sum of \$960,000 pursuant to the provisions of the previously authorized purchase sales agreement, three tracts known as the Spicer properties and identified as follows:

Tract #1

Location/PIN: 155 Thomas Road/169813033078

Ownership: Doris Pulaski (Trustee)

Tract #2

Location/PIN: 0 Thomas Road/168816937659

Ownership: William C. Spicer Jr. Estate

Tract #3

Location/PIN: 0 Thomas Road/168820918875

Ownership: William C. Spicer III

and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$650,000 of the purchase price will come from the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Lands Acquisition Grant and \$360,000 will come from the Town's Open Space Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from the Town's Open Space Fund for administrative costs associated with the land purchase, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to accept the deeds for said parcels upon approval of the Town Attorney.

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

2/6/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

2/14/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Town Manager Oefinger explained that he hopes to have a signed agreement for purchase of the Spicer properties at the February 28th meeting. The Planning Commission has expressed support for the acquisition in response to the CGS Sec. 8-24 referral. Town staff continue to work on grants. The terms and conditions previously discussed with the Council are acceptable to the Spicer family.

2/28/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

The Town Manager is seeking authorization from the Town Council to start the acquisition process for the Spicer properties on Thomas Road. The terms and conditions discussed in executive session are acceptable to the Spicer family and there is a time deadline associated with the state grant.

2/28/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

3/6/2012 Town Council Tabled

3/6/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Not Discussed

3/6/2012 Town Council Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken

3/6/2012 Town Council Discussed

The Town Manager met with the Attorney Callahan and staff from Planning and Development. The purchase agreement is almost done, and the Town will be asking DEEP for an extension of the grant award. Normally there is earnest money when entering into a purchase agreement, and the Town Manager recommended \$1,000. This item will be placed on the Committee of the Whole agenda.

5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

The Town Manager noted that the RTM has not yet reviewed the open space account in the budget, which includes additional funding that will be put toward this purchase. This item was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2012-0128 Small Cities Community Block Grant - 2012 Application Referral

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT - 2012 APPLICATION

Legislative History

4/30/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

Councilor O'Beirne left the meeting.

5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

authorization to apply for additional Community Development Block Grant funds. Susan Cullen, Planner II, distributed information on the program to the Council. The application is due by June 8th.

Town Manager Oefinger provided background on the Town's Community Development program. The Town must draw down its revolving fund before it can apply for additional funds. The public hearing is designed to solicit ideas for the next round of funding. Historically, the Town has used funds Community Development Block Grant funding for housing rehabilitation.

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Councilor Watson left the meeting.

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Mr. Murphy noted that administrative costs can be charged to the grant. Ms. Cullen provided a history of the Community Development Block Grant fund balance and the difficulties in reaching the \$25,000 threshold because it is a revolving fund. Updated guidelines were approved by the Town Council three years ago. Sixteen homes have been rehabilitated since Ms. Cullen took over the program and there is a long waiting list (25 people). Funding is used to improve housing to Building Code standards. The maximum annual request is \$300,000.

Possible dates for the public hearing are at a special meeting on May 29th or on June 5th.

Applications for funding are processed in the order they are received. No match is required. Ms. Cullen explained that loans are made and a lien placed on the property.

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Councilor Watson returned to the meeting.

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole**

to hold a public hearing on the Small Cities Community Block Grant 2012 Application

2012-0130 Noank Fire District Presentation on Noank School Reuse Referral

RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO THE NOANK FIRE DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR REUSE OF THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton's Noank School Reuse Task Force presented its final report and recommendation to the Town Council in October 2011, and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011 the Town Council endorsed two of the three recommendations of the Task Force, specifically 1) The [Noank School] property remain publicly owned; and 2) As a publicly owned property the Noank Fire District be given a six month time frame (from the date of the resolution) to present a plan for the school and property, and

WHEREAS, at the May 8, 2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole meeting representatives of the Noank Fire District's Noank School Reuse Committee presented their ideas for reuse of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council does not feel that the plan as presented is sufficient to support a long term lease of the former Noank School property to the Noank Fire District, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council gives the Noank Fire District an additional six months from the date of this resolution to develop a full and detailed multi-year plan for reuse of the Noank School including comprehensive cost estimates and financing plans/alternatives.

Legislative History

4/30/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

**5/8/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed
the Whole**

Frank Socha and members of the Noank School Reuse Committee introduced themselves to the Council. Mr. Socha noted the efforts of the Noank School Reuse Task Force, which was led by Councilor Flax. The Council adopted the recommendations of the Task Force which included allowing the Noank Fire District six months to present a plan for reuse of the school. The Noank School Reuse Committee has toured the property and held public meetings. The consensus of the Committee was that there was nothing about the property that would disallow them from making use of the building for community purposes. It was noted that the Committee did not hire any consultants to evaluate the building. On April 5th, the Committee passed a motion by a vote of 46 to 9 to authorize the Executive Committee of the Noank Fire District to enter into an agreement with the Town of Groton to lease the Noank School property.

In the initial phase, Noank would use the property and assume operational costs. The space would be used for public meetings; Noank Mystic Band practice; and storage for the Noank Water Company. Some cleaning and minor repairs are required. Noank is looking into installing a new communications antenna. It is hoped that funds will be available to hire a consultant in the future.

Over the longer term, Noank would look for additional funding support for major work such as a new heating system, a functioning kitchen, and a roof. Mr. Socha noted there has been a lot of community involvement in this process and ideas shared. Historically, the building has been used as a community space and Mr. Socha believe this plan will continue that purpose.

In response to questions from Councilor O'Beirne, Mr. Socha stated that Noank will allow entities outside of the Fire District to use the space. Discussion followed on the potential to charge fees. Mr. Socha expects that the lease agreement would be similar to the leases for the Colonel Ledyard School and Eastern Point School sites (30 years with extensions).

Councilor Streeter questioned recreational opportunities. Mr. Socha stated that the basketball courts will remain, but the property is not big enough for fields.

Councilor Flax noted that cost estimates for repairs to the building were available and discussed during the Task Force's deliberations, but it seems that the Noank Fire District believes that reuse of the building can be done cheaper and piecemeal. Councilor Flax asked why that idea wasn't more developed by the Noank residents during the Task Force meetings. If it is going to be cheaper to reuse the building, the Town could use it as a community building. Mr. Socha noted that Noank's Committee discussed smaller and/or multiple heating systems, or individual room units. Councilor Flax stated it is clear that Noank residents have an affinity for the property and Noank should be allowed a chance to reuse the property, but there should be a time limit or benchmark included in the lease.

Councilor Flax asked about liability insurance. Town Manager Oefinger noted that both the Town and Noank would have to have insurance. Mr. Socha noted it would be added to Noank's existing policy. Mr. Socha explained that his desire is to rehabilitate the building until there's no point in putting any more money into it.

Councilor Antipas asked what would happen if the Fire District changed its mind about the building down the road. Mr. Socha stated that any major changes to the property will have to be addressed in the lease and in partnership with the Town.

Councilor Watson asked if work at this site would be subject to prevailing wage and the Town Manager stated yes, but it may not meet the dollar threshold. With respect to fields, the Town Manager noted that the property may accommodate a neighborhood pick up field, but he does not envision there ever being organized fields on this property.

Councilor Johnson asked how the April 5th meeting that was held by the Fire District on this property was posted and Mr. Socha responded that it was advertised in the newspaper and with flyers in Noank village.

Mayor Somers asked about the zoning for the property. Mr. Socha noted that a change was made in zoning to require a public hearing for any use on the property which is zoned R20 (residential). If the Town decided to retain the property for uses similar to what is being proposed by the Fire District, Mr. Socha stated the Town would have to approach the Zoning Commission. Mayor Somers noted that she struggles with the idea that objections that were raised by residents to the temporary location of the Senior Center at Noank School, but not to this proposal by the Fire District. She said it appears exclusionary. Mr. Socha stated the Fire District has

not historically operated that way. Traffic was discussed at the Noank Committee's meeting and it was noted that there were no traffic issues when the Senior Center was at the school.

Mayor Somers stated that if the Fire District proposes significant improvements to the building, they should not come back to the Town asking for money. Also, she would expect outside groups to have access to the building, otherwise she could not support leasing the property to Noank.

Mr. Sylvester, a member of the Noank committee and neighbor of the school, stated it is important to have the support of the Noank Fire District community. Mayor Somers feels the 'community' is the entire Town. Mr. Socha stated the Town would be treated like any other applicant if they came before the Zoning Commission. Councilor Flax noted that the zoning was specifically changed for that property which is where some of the criticism comes in.

Mr. Socha stated the next step is for the Fire District to gain approval for \$30,000 to move forward and then to develop a lease with the Town. He suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding to use the property could be signed while the lease is developed to allow Noank to get into the building and cleaning and maintenance. At some point in the future, the Fire District would have to have special meeting(s) to authorize funding for improvements. They will also look for funding from other sources. The goal is to use the building at a minimal cost to the Fire District, but with the recognition that they have a responsibility to improve the property.

Councilor Schmidt asked about selling the property rather than leasing it. Mr. Socha stated that the previous Town Council supported having the property remain in public ownership.

Councilor Antipas suggested that if the Town still owns the property, it will trigger the need for Zoning Commission approval, even if it is leased to the Fire District. Mr. Socha does not believe that Noank Zoning Commission approval would be necessary for the Fire District as long as the uses are similar to what is done at the fire house.

Councilor Flax requested that a formal plan be presented to the Town Council as it is developed over the next year. He noted that if the Noank School Reuse Task Force had thought that reusing the building would cost less than \$600,000, it might have made a different recommendation. The building should provide value for both Noank and the Town of Groton.

Mr. Socha expressed a desire to have the building become part of the greater Groton community again and reiterated that Noank has not operated in an exclusionary manner in the past.

Mayor Somers summarized the next steps. Town Manager Oefinger suggested that the Council take some time think about this issue and have a discussion about how to structure the lease and/or Memorandum of Understanding. The item will be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda. A tour of the school can be arranged if so desired by the Council. Mayor Somers asked Councilors to consider a one year renewable lease to allow development of a plan. She stated she is uncomfortable with a 30 year lease without a detailed plan.

Mr. Socha asked that a decision be made as quickly as possible. Although the plan is not detailed, the Fire District wants to make use of the property. He added that there is a termination clause in the lease.

Councilor O'Beirne asked for a list of alternatives if the Council decides not to accept Noank's plan.

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Motion
the Whole

2012-0141 Port Security Grant

Referral

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A PORT SECURITY GRANT FOR
MARINE PATROL VESSEL SUSTAINABILITY**

**WHEREAS, the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) provides funds for two years to public safety
and law enforcement entities to sustain necessary equipment to enhance port security and address**

associated homeland security issues, and

WHEREAS, the grant would fund maintenance of equipment acquired by four governmental agencies under prior PSGP grants for the purpose of detection, response and recovery from terroristic attacks, activities or incidents to the Port of New London and its surrounding waters, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police plan to use the grant to sustain regional marine patrol and mission-specific, equipped and designed vessels and to be responsible to equitably disperse the funds to the other municipalities for the same purpose, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designated agent may apply for the Port Security Grant of \$25,000, of which \$6,250 would be designated for the Town of Groton Boat, for Fiscal Year 2012.

Legislative History

5/9/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
5/22/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
5/22/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2012-0147 FYE 2012 Suspense List

Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 SUSPENSE LIST

WHEREAS, State law requires that once a year a list shall be compiled of taxes that should be suspended, and

WHEREAS, the accounts which have been determined as uncollectible have been contacted at least nine times with no response, and

WHEREAS, placing uncollected items on the Suspense List helps avoid waste of money and staff time, and

WHEREAS, taxpayers remain liable for all amounts that are placed on the Suspense List, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be added to the Suspense List as reported to the Town Council:

Town: \$459,595.02
Sewer District: \$1,847.81
Mumford Cove: \$6.10
Total: \$461,448.93

Legislative History

5/15/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
2012-0149	Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 13)		Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND TAXES DUE ON JULY 1, 2012

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$120,896,368, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimates cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes will total \$41,175,494, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$1,589,059 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2012 to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2013 General Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$78,131,815 is the amount that needs to be raised from property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due July 1, 2012 is hereby established at 20.22 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$78,131,815 ($\$78,131,815 \div \$3,938,277,080 \div 98.1\% \times 1,000 = 20.22$ mills).

Legislative History

5/15/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
2012-0150	Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 13)		Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2012

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$21,057, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes will total \$50, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$300 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2012, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2013 Mumford Cove District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Mumford Cove District Fund on July 1, 2012 is hereby established at 0.305 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$20,707 ($\$20,707 \div \$68,182,290 \div 99.7\% \times 1,000 = 0.305$ mills).

Legislative History

5/15/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
2012-0151	Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 13)		Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2012

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$1,162,592, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2013 property taxes will total \$30,425, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$515,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2012, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2013 Sewer District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2012 is hereby established at 0.25 mills per thousand dollar of assessed valuation to raise \$617,167 ($\$617,167 \div \$2,456,168,009$ (excluding motor vehicles) $\div 98.5\% \times 1,000 = 0.25$ mills).

Legislative History

5/15/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
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2012-0156 Establishment of Trails Coordinating Committee**Referral**

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TRAILS COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORTING TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee have recommended a Trails Coordinating Committee to bring together representatives from various groups involved in trail projects, and

WHEREAS, the Trails Coordinating Committee would be comprised of 18 voting members as follows:

Member of Parks and Recreation Commission
 Member of Copp Family Park Board of Overseers/Groton Parks Foundation
 Member of Pequot Woods Board of Trustees
 Member of Tri-Town Trails Committee
 Member of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee
 Member of Conservation Commission
 Director of Parks and Recreation (who shall be chair of the committee)
 Representative from Planning and Development
 Representative from Parks Maintenance
 Representative from Public Works
 Representative from Avalonia Land Conservancy
 Representative from Groton Open Space Association
 At-Large Members appointed by the Town Council (2)
 Representative from Board of Education
 Representative from Groton Utilities
 Member of Representative Town Committee
 Member of Town Council

and

WHEREAS, the organizations noted above would be free to select their representatives and no term limits would be set, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the formation of a Trails Coordinating Committee, reporting to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee, with members to be appointed by the various organizations represented on the Committee.

Legislative History

5/16/2012	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
5/22/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
5/22/2012	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2012-0160 Introduction of Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts**Referral**

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND REDEFINING THE VOTING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF GROTON

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

That Section 6-1 of the Code of Ordinances, "Voting districts", consisting of ordinances Nos. 105, 212, 217, and 254 adopted by the Town Council on October 2, 1972, February 18, 1992, March 2, 1993 and July 2, 2002, respectively, is hereby repealed, and the following ordinance is hereby

enacted in lieu thereof:

1. The following areas shall hereafter constitute the Voting Districts in the Town of Groton and are hereby adopted to conform to the Congressional District Plan prepared by the Connecticut Supreme Court appointed Special Master on January 13, 2012:

FIRST VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 and the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running southerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to a point at its intersection with the centerline of the northerly portion of Indian Field Road; thence running easterly and southerly with the centerline of Indian Field Road to Debby Drive; thence running easterly with the centerline of Debby Drive to Ring Drive; thence running northerly, easterly and southerly with the centerline of Ring Drive to U.S. Route 1; thence running easterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to its intersection with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook; thence running southerly with the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to Mumford Cove; thence running southerly with the centerline of Mumford Cove and crossing Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to its intersection with the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove; thence running northwesterly and northerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Birch Plain Creek to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly along the City of Groton boundary and the south side of Poquonnock Road to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary; thence running northerly along the City of Groton boundary to its intersection with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southeasterly and easterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to U.S. Route 1; thence running northwesterly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to the intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Connecticut Route 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway); thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Connecticut Route 349 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway) to its intersection with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 of exit 87 southbound ramp; thence running easterly with the centerline of the Interstate Route 95 exit 87 southbound ramp to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 and the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the First Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SECOND VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district at a point on the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running due east to the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue; thence running easterly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham Road to Hynes Avenue and continuing easterly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running northerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Rainville Avenue; thence running easterly and northeasterly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to a point on the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton to an angle point in the City of Groton boundary on the south side of Poquonnock Road; thence running southeasterly along the City of Groton boundary to the east boundary of the City of Groton; thence running southerly and southeasterly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Birch Plain Creek and Baker Cove; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton through Baker Cove and Fishers Island Sound to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to a point due west of the intersection of Eastern Point Road and Nicholas Avenue at the point of beginning.

All areas lying with the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Second Voting District of the Town of Groton.

THIRD VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwest corner of this voting district and the northwest corner of the City of Groton; thence running easterly along the north boundary of the City of Groton and the north side of

Grove Avenue; thence running southeasterly, southerly and southeasterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point in the vicinity of Meridian Street Extension; thence running southerly along the east boundary of the City of Groton on to a point in the centerline of Poquonnock Road; thence running northwesterly with the centerline of Poquonnock Road to Rainville Avenue; thence running southwesterly and westerly with the centerline of Rainville Avenue to Brandegee Avenue; thence running southerly with the centerline of Brandegee Avenue to Hynes Avenue; thence running westerly with the centerline of Hynes Avenue to Benham Road; thence crossing Benham road to Nicholas Avenue and continuing westerly with the centerline of Nicholas Avenue to Eastern Point Road; thence running due west to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line to the northwest corner of the City of Groton and the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Third Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FOURTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northwestern corner of this voting district running along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the intersection of Connecticut Route 117; thence running southerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117; thence running westerly with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with Interstate Route 95 exit 87 of southbound Interstate Route 95; thence running southwesterly with the centerline of Interstate Route 95 exit 87 of southbound Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with U.S. Route 1; thence running southeasterly the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to the intersection of Meridian Street Extension; thence running westerly and northwesterly with the centerline of Meridian Street Extension to its intersection with the easterly boundary of the City of Groton; thence running northerly and northwesterly along the northeast boundary of the City of Groton to a point on the north side of Grove Avenue; thence running westerly along the north boundary of the City of Groton to the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line; thence running northerly along the GROTON-NEW LONDON town line and the GROTON-WATERFORD town line to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the point of beginning.

All Areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fourth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

FIFTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this district and the northeast corner of the Town of Groton at a point in Hyde Pond; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through Whitford Brook and the Mystic River to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running westerly in the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117; thence running northerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to its intersection with the GROTON-LEDYARD town line; thence running easterly along the GROTON-LEDYARD town line to the point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Fifth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SIXTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at the northeast corner of this voting district at a point where the centerline of the north bound line of Interstate Route 95 crosses the GROTON-STONINGTON town line in the Mystic River; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line through the Mystic River to a point southeasterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running northwesterly through the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove to a point in Beebe Cove west of Half Penny Island; thence running northerly in Beebe Cove to a point in line with the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly with the prolongation of Fishtown Road, crossing Beebe Cove, the shore and Connecticut Route 215 to Fishtown Road; thence running northwesterly and northerly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 1 and Noank Ledyard Road; thence running northerly, northerly, northeasterly and northerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound land of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the north bound land of Interstate Route 95 to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Sixth Voting District of the Town of Groton.

SEVENTH VOTING DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the GROTON-STONINGTON town line southeast of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southerly along the GROTON-STONINGTON town line to the south boundary of the Town of Groton; thence running westerly along the south boundary of the Town of Groton to a point south of Mumford Cove; thence running northerly along the centerline of Mumford Cove to Fort Hill Brook; thence running northerly along the centerline of Fort Hill Brook to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Route 1; thence running westerly with the centerline of U.S. Route 1 to Ring Drive; thence running northerly, westerly and southerly with the centerline of Ring Drive to Debby Drive; thence running westerly with the centerline of Debby Drive to Indian Field Road; thence running northerly and westerly with the centerline of Indian Field Road to Connecticut Route 117; thence running northerly with the centerline of Connecticut Route 117 to its intersection with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95; thence running easterly with the centerline of the north bound lane of Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road; thence running southerly, southwesterly and southerly with the centerline of Noank Ledyard Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 1 and Fishtown Road; thence running southerly and southeasterly with the centerline of Fishtown Road to its intersection with Connecticut Route 215; thence running southeasterly along the prolongation southeasterly of the centerline of Fishtown Road, crossing Route 215, the shore and Beebe Cove; thence running southerly in Beebe Cove to a point west of Half Penny Island and northwesterly of the railroad bridge over Beebe Cove; thence running southeasterly in Beebe Cove through the railroad bridge to the GROTON-STONINGTON town line and point of beginning.

All areas lying within the foregoing boundaries shall constitute the Seventh Voting District of the Town of Groton.

1. The Former Fifth District has been combined with the Fourth District for the purposes of all elections including referendum and primaries.

2. Districts Six, Seven, and Eight have been renumbered to reflect the combining of Districts Four and Five. Henceforth, District Six will be District Five, District Seven will be District Six and District Eight will be District Seven.

Legislative History

2012-0161	5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts			

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND REDEFINING THE VOTING DISTRICTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Community Room 1.

Legislative History

2012-0162	5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	Referral
Authorization to Prepare a Bond Ordinance for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation			

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A BOND ORDINANCE AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposal to fund the maintenance and rehabilitation activities for the local road system, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town staff and the Town bond attorney are authorized to prepare a bond ordinance to be introduced by the Town Council, along with other resolutions as necessary.

Legislative History

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2012-0163 **Authorization to Prepare a Bond Ordinance for Police Station Renovations** **Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A BOND ORDINANCE AND OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposal to renovate portions of the Groton Town Police Station, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considers it appropriate to present the project to the Town's voters in a bond referendum, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town staff and the Town bond attorney are authorized to prepare a bond ordinance to be introduced by the Town Council, along with other resolutions as necessary.

Legislative History

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2012-0164 **Funding for OpSail 2012 Event** **Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR OPSAIL 2012 EVENT

WHEREAS, on July 6-9, 2012, New London will host the ships and most major events for Opsail 2012, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, and

WHEREAS, the military community of southeastern Connecticut will be an integral part of the celebration and U.S. Navy ships will be participating in the Connecticut port call, offering full visitations for the public, and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 8th, the Shennecossett Yacht Club in Groton is hosting a cookout for an estimated 500 sailors participating in OpSail 2012, and

WHEREAS, Groton, as the site of the nation's first submarine base, Naval Submarine Base New London, has been asked to provide transportation for the sailors between New London and Groton for the event, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes up to \$7,000 for transportation of the OpSail 2012 sailors to and from the Shennecossett Yacht Club on July 8th, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds will be appropriated from encumbered funds in Legislative Policy Account #10017.

Legislative History

5/22/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT